MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

BUSINESS STATISTICS (WITH SUPPLEMENT).

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.			She	ep Distr	icts.		Wheat Districts.			Dairying Districts (Coastal only).				
		N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	т.	N.	C.	s.	T.
February March April May June July August September October November December		271 142 81 62 32 64 136 148 148 144	271 82 59 88 38 135 94 168 161 192 285	176 151 96 41 61 155 100 119 106 156 306	462 178 45 51 41 157 178 175 136 176	261 132 76 61 44 122 117 147 136 165	263 100 58 61 38 80 129 140 170 128 173	257 83 76 83 32 142 82 139 135 196 325	175 165 95 43 63 171 96 126 115 156 319	207 136 85 56 53 152 97 131 127 163 302	198 126 127 78 8 8 61 82 78 143 176	242 70 113 101 56 17 355 48 70 150 262	160 39 186 32 76 17 146 34 65 170 256	204 101 131 79 29 11 65 67 74 146 208
January February March	•••	99 82 144	107 211 90	110 252 21	49 138 72	99 180 81	104 74 136	115 222 82	95 253 16	101 222 48	88 42 141	150 66 151	220 99 36	121 56 130

N.-Northern, C.-Central; S.-Southern; W.-Western; T.-Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

It is anticipated that the total production of wool in New South Wales will be approximately 418,000,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales in year ended June, 1947, was 23.6d. per lb. Comparable average price was 32.5d. in Sept., 1947; 34d. in Oct.; 38d. in Nov.; in Dec., 38d. (nominal); 43d. in Jan., 1948; 45d. in Feb.; and 42d. (nominal) in March.

			Number	of Bales Rece	ived into Store	in Sydney.			
Month.		During	Month.		Total for Season to end of Month.				
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	
July	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	
	113,506	110,161	66,310	91,158	189,713	178,857	127,655	151,726	
September	73,356	132,093	206,309	141,592	263,069	310,950	333,964	293,318	
October	129,588	183,001	209,694	184,962	392,657	493,951	543,658	478,280	
	166,656	174,501	128,416	125,808	559,313	668,452	672,074	604,088	
	111,713	47,412	67,454	59,723	671,026	715,864	739,528	663,811	
anuary	101,888	44,883	22,200	24,206	772,914	760,747	761,728	688,017	
February	24,884	23,146	17,611	28,046	797,798	783,893	779,339	716,063	
March	23,799	28,966	23,087		821,597	812,859	802,426		
April	20,854	36,385	31,351		842,451	849,244	833,777		
May	34,419	40,424	52,392		876,870	889,668	886,169		
June	41,007	36,141	36,660		917,877	925,809	922,829		

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

	Area	under Wheat.	Yield of	Grain.
Season.	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	a res.	acres.	bushels.	bushel.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44	4,296,00	3,937,000	51,635,000	13.1
1943-44	2,975,00	2,693,000	47,500,000	17.6
1944-45	3,174,00	2,845,000	17,134,000	6.0
1945-46	4,213,00	3,774,000	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47	4,773,00	4,475,000	15,682,000	3.2
1947-48*	5,425,00		101,000,000	19.8

^{*}Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT-N.S.W. FACTORIES.

00,000,000	Mont	h.		Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1945-47.	1947-48.				
0.00,000						Thousand lb.							
July				5,061	3,313 (2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004				
August				5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833				
Septembe	r	***		7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025				
October				10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464				
November	r			13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858				
December				13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628				
January				12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369				
February				11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,685				
March				11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051					
April		***		10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,74I					
May				8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458					
June				6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	destrict.				
Year				113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	7. 1.1				
Eight Mo	nths	ended	Feb.	78,347	67,788	49,886	52,357	38,311	53,866				

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source-Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Period. Four Weeks. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First Period ended on First*	24th Jan. 731 933 981 886 1,003 965 918 953 1,028 984 973 965 886	23rd Jan. 744 933 813 843 843 907 899 905 938 868 937 939 904	22nd Jan. 625 774 781 782 930 866 884 880 970 870 891 906	20th Jan. 640 867 893 755 791 914 846 914 778 842 758 869 308	19th Jan. 519 860 913 859 674 906 798 846 911 975 1,017 976 932	1st Feb. 859 796 833 804 773 990 992 995 994 979 1,092 1,130 *448	31st Jan. 543 918,
Year	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above	56	60	180	523	756	959	
Period of 8 weeks ended— Northern District Western District Southern District	21st Feb. 1,125 233 306	20th Feb. 1,132 208 337	19th Feb. 965 201 233	17th Feb. 957 240 310	16th Feb. 902 207 270	1st Mar. 1,115 275 265	28th Feb. 950 258 253
Total (8 weeks)	1,664	1,677	1,399	1,507	1,379	1,655	1,461
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above		6	14	59	83	124	169

^{*} Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, public holidays only; 1943 to 1945 one week; 1946 and 1947 two weeks; 1948 one week; and in 18th period—1947, two weeks. † Revised.—Four-weekly periods changed

^{* 72687-2}

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

	City of Sydney—New		Suburbs of Syc	dney.	Total-	—Sydney and S	Suburbs.	
Teriod.	Buildings and Alterations	New	Buildings.	Alterations		Alterations		
	and Additions.	No. of Permits.	Value	and Additions.	New Buildings.	and Additions.	Total.	
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£	
1938 1939 1949 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946	284,132 157,127 127,851 46,002 22,580 20,704 27,671 22,019 101,100 109,562	157,127 58 127,851 56 46,002 63 22,580 3 20,704 1 27,671 3 22,019 33 101,100 78		748,064 744,532 735,057 745,228 45,880 19,677 35,511 336,445 1,191,938 1,359,585	137,989 116,630 113,612 112,720 52,010 73,006 70,395 80,812 212,811 218,524	974,836 848,963 788,668 757,943 51,343 21,311 35,553 338,842 1,200,643 1,400,358	195,349 169,326 187,852 146,007 69,127 92,076 98,024 100,434 305,206 287,313	1,170,185 1,018,289 976,520 903,950 120,470 113,387 133,577 439,276 1,505,849 1,687,671
Month— 1947—Feb 1948—Jan Feb	76,790 33,495 78,980	785 556 649	1,278,364 1,117,160 1,223,221	257,684 146,241 197,264	1,307,047 1,132,160 1,248,121	305,791 164,736 251,344	1,612,838 1,296,896 1,499,465	
Eight Months (July-Feb.) 1946-47 1947-48	1,041,775 685,919	6,486 5,909	11,095,251	2,140,499 1,365,810	11,187,984	3,089,541 1,798,829	14,277,525	

	129 Industrial a	and Rural Towns and Sev to the Metropolis.	ven Shires adjacent	Total of Foregoing. New Build- ings, Alter- ations and Additions.	
Quarter.	New	Buildings.	Alterations		
1,000	No. of Permits.	Value.	and Additions.		
Quarterly Average-		£	£	₹.	
1938	1,601	1,275,590	306,852	5,092,997	
1939	1,485	1,095,910	244,631	4,395,406	
1940	1,213	1,002,259	219,540	4,151,359	
1941	1,262	997,590	191,898	3,901,338	
1942	304	199,706	70,053	631,168	
1943	115	51,563	75,534	467,257	
1944	195	104,734	112,617	518,083	
1945	1,203	977,003	180,421	2,475,251	
1946	2,694	2,947,595	429,016	7,894,158	
1947	2,913	3,736,124	399,410	9,198,548	
December Quarter—					
1946	2,599	3,067,205	471,369	00=0 066	
1947	2,712	3,618,110	318,046	8,878,966	
		3,010,110	310,040	8,368,606	
Six Months (July-Dec.)		1			
1946	5,703	6,590,799	939,154	18,384,457	
1947	5,728	7,733,441	721,521	18,345,264	

Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 industrial and rural towns.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

		1								
Per	iod.			Houses.					Other (Offices.	
			New.		Altera-	Flats.	Factories.	Shops	Hotels,	Total.
22.3			Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.	tions and Additions.	(a)	ractories.	(b) ·	Hospitals, etc.).	lotal.
	3 1	1	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monthly A	verage-				Svd	nev and S	Suhurhs			
1939										
1939		•••	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1945			149,698	160,728	12,397	3,680	85,433 61,641	1,459	18,913	133,577
1946	***		555,620	386,772	61,356	52,758	303,006	4,775	27,729	439,276
1947			759,192	379,558	65,711	101,545	251,473	48,180	98,157	1,505,849
Month-									,	-,,,-,-
1947—F	eb		708,877	345,550	62,630	63,259	312,384	10.000	ma 0.0	1.612.838
1948—J			531,931	309,039	55,456	130,569	207,589	40,290 16,536	79,848	1,012,030
F F	eb		678,308	339,428	55,247	96,790	227,136	14,268	88,288	1,499,465
Eight Mor	Feb.)—						,,,,,	-1,400	00,200	1,199,403
1946-47			5,176,460	3,011,638	529,536	668,191	3,341,909	F20 F20		
1947-48		•••	6,012,135	2,952,645	488,303	907,139	1,619,911	539,722 174,019	1,010,069	14,277,525
Quarterly	Average	0	T00	Tudustaini	1 D 1 T					
•	vorug					wns ana 7	Shires Adjace	nt to the Me	tropolis.	
1939	***	• • •	262,972	556,279	98,755	43,927	30,017	99,715	248,876	1,340,541
1944 1945	***	• • • •	6,108	66,908	39,199	1,760	49,942	5,651	47,783	217,351
1945	•••	•••	179,890	734,169	99,887	3,674	57,013	15,305	67,486	1,157,424
1947		• • • •	1,081,742	1,889,027	199,602	39,043	144,053	118,716	261,883	3,376,611
		•••	1,001,742	2,229,518	225,411	47,488	180,845	132,652	237,878	4,135,534
Dec. Quar	ter—									100000
1946	***		837,738	1,855,127	196,425	37,970	130,464	134,242	346,608	3,538,574
1947	•••		1,106,787	2,205,157	200,089	27,015	121,220	93,407	182,472	3,530,574
Six Months (July-	Dec.)—						,,	33,107	202,4/2	3,930,130
1946			1,736,906	3,990,903	441,317	84,891	302,740	290,872	682,324	
1947			2,205,989	4,611,074	421,122	94,685	406,492	199,466	516,134	7,529,953 8,454,962

⁽a) Includes conversions to flats.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).									
Area.	M	onth of Februar	y.	Eight Months ended February.						
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1946.	1947.	1948.				
Sydney and Suburbs Remainder of State	£ 218,685 222,114	£ 37 ⁰ ,955 227,560	£ 378,638 367,004	£ 2,762,754 1,301,290	£ 3,022,317 1,961,642	£ 2,584,240 2,278,879				
Total, N.S. Wales	440,799	598,515	745,642	4,064,044	4,983,959	4,863,119				

⁽b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	21	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
					Milli	on £	Brotz.			
Year.		200-29	225:03	238.65	240.54	251.40	251.74	299.76	347.46	
January		13.24	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62	17.62	21.40	25.23
February		16.54	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48	21,48	21.72	26.28	
March		15.78	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75	22.33	24.22	
April		15.79	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81	26.88	27.32	
May		17.46	18.75	20.72	19.26	21.45	22'24	25.21	30.33	***
June		14.88	21:76	18.93	20:91	20.67	19.40	23.28	27.98	
July		15.28	17.63	1917	19.81	20.87	22°01	25'74	27.82	
August		16.81	20°4I	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22	28.74	32'11	
September		19.44	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72	28.97	32.00	
October		19.22	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	22.36	26.56	30.89	
November		17:53	20158	19:54	21.07	20:30	200.726	24.65	32.66	
December		18.32	20:28	20.98	19:61	22.84	\$39.13	27.76	34'15	•••

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.		-	Numb Busines in Per	Days	Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries	Number of Employees.	Average e	athly Moving anded month nown.
			Previous Year.	Current Year.	January Control	(0)	Paid.	2 mp.oyees	Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Year.					Percentage	e increase +	or decreas	e —		
		[303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.01	+ 2.6	1 + 0.0	1	
			303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.0		
	• • •		305	304	+ 14.5	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942			304	303	- 5'3	+ 9'2	- 5'I	- 8.4		
1943			303	306	- 11.3	- 6.8	- 9.7	- I7·6		
1944			306	302	+ 3 2	- 0'2	- 4:6	+ 114		
			302	301	+ 15.8	+ 11,1	+ 6.7	+ 50		
1946			301	302	+ 32.2	+ 3.8	+ 28.0	+ 2000		
1947			302	302	+ 18.7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8.6		
7047					17.13					
anuary			25	25	+ 16.7	+ 39'4	+ 34'6	1 2017		
ebruary			24	24	+ 11.0	+ 38.8	+ 28°0	+ 19°7 + 12°3	+ 21'9	+ 31.2
a mala		***	26	26	+ 15.7	+ 37.6	+ 29.3	+ 11.0	+ 22°2 + 14°0	+ 31.4
			22	22	+ 12.8	+ 38.6	+ 19'7	+ 0.6	+ 14.9 + 13.6	+ 30°6 + 25°5
f			27	27	+ 9'8	+ 40.6	+ 19.4	+ 8.0	+ 12°7	+ 22°7
une			23	24	+ 38.2	+ 34.8	+ 15.8	+ 7.7	+ 10,0	+ 18.3
uly	***		27	27	+ 12.0	+ 29.2	+ 20'I	+ 8.1	+ 10.0	+ 18.5
ugust	•••		27	26	+ 16.9	+ 33°4	+ 14,0	+ 6.6	+ 21.8	+ 16.6
eptembe	Г		25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28.5	+ 21.8	+ 6.5	+ 23.6	+ 18:5
			26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17.5	+ 7.4	+ 26.6	+ 17.7
lovembe			26	25	+ 8.9	+ 27.5	+ 19.9	+ 5.6	+ 23.8	+ 19'7
ecember 1948			24	24	+ 18.8	+ 26.2	+ 22'1	+ 2,1	+ 17.1	+ 20.0
nuary			25	25	+ 23.8	+ 24'I	+ 16.0	+ 6.3	+ 16.7	+ 19.7

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 27.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:-

	1		Month of Febru	ary.	Eight Months ended February.				
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.		
1946 1947 1948		£ 2,500,351 2,381,075 2,941,643	£ 1,962,194 2,140,373 2,538,977	£ 538,157 240,702 402,666	£ 20,580,906 20,316,118 23,928,441	£ 15,820,247 16,446,302 19,735,304	£ 4,760,659 3,869,816 4,193,137		

Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,857,000 in year 1946-47.
 † Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger	Tonnage of Goods	Passenger
(onor Errostoont)	Journeys.	(exc. Livestock.)	Journeys.
thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
 I,322	21,944	10,203	174,371
 1,294	20,420	11,131	171,124
 1,284	21,186	11,516	173,216
		1 6'	4

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

	SYDN	EY AND SUBU	RBS.	Newc.	ASTLE AND SU	BURBS.
PERIOD.	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried, §
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands
Month of February—	~	~				
1946	432,700	19,700	39,700	45,300	3,800	3,500
1947	430,200	(-)6,900	38,200	45,900	100	3,400
1948	587,700	(-)2,500	36,200	60,900	2,400	3,500
Eight months ended February—					t-1	- Q.3
1946	3,548,600	97,100	330,200	371,400	27,100	30,400
1947	3,638,700	(-) 7,400	323,200	392,700	3,500	29,000
1948	4,697,700	118,500	298,300	495,300	9,200	28,700

^{*} Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47.

[†] Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July, 1947.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

	1939.	1942.	1945.		1947.		19	48.
Class.	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	28th February.	31st August.	31st December.	31st January.	29th February
Cars Lorries, Utilities	216,633	169,916	185,665	196,636	200,912	205,923	206,699	207,727
and Vans Tractors† Cycles—Solo Cycles—Side-car Omnibuses† Taxi-cabs† Traders' Plates Trailers	77.639 1,102 17,111 6,884 794 1,331 1,187 6,538	71,248 1,366 10,538 4,785 890 1,352 708 6,965	84,257 1,787 12,319 4,076 1,039 1,351 662 9,187	108,785 2,217 18,565 5,657 1,112 1,364 1,097 13,784	116,086 2,487 19,721 5,938 1,220 1,459 1,216 15,442	121,662 2,820 21,110 6,298 1,349 1,580 1,289 17,057	122,633 2,877 21,465 6,345 1,361 1,590 1,291 17,485	123,463 2,960 21,835 6,364 1,360 1,598 1,310 17,669
Total	329,219	267,768	300,343	349,217	364,481	379,088	381,746	384,286

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

			Numb	er of New Y	Vehicles Regis	tered.		-
Period.	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors.	Cycles.	Omnibuses.	Taxi-cabs.	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937–1939	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,83
1942-1945	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946	320	404	25	170	4		204	1,12
1947 Month—	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,22
1947- February	772	408	19	295	9		208	1,71
June	859	581	16	188	22	6	138	1,81
July	1,232	750	33	191	22	7	160	2,39
August	1,104	691	27	234	35	ıí	164	2,26
September.	1,320	873	39	213	40	II	242	2,73
October	1,451	817	56	417	39	15	269	3,06
November.	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,76
December	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,15
1948- January	871	510	30	361	22	9	405	2,20
February!	1,265	662	42	413	4	10	198	2,59

^{*}Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

† Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

E	nd of M	lonth.		1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
			1	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January		***		423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
Februar	y	•••		427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	702,658
larch	•••	•••		427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	
April	***	•••		428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	
lay	• • •			431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	
une	•••	***		433,029	572,697	575,864	679,505	
uly	• • •	***		433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	
lugust	• • •			431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	
eptemb	er	***		432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	
October	***	***	•••	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	
ovemb		***		440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	
Decembe	21	•••		441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
Taxes—	millio	on £.	Social Services*—	millio	on ₹.
Customs and Excise	 66.38	77.84	Invalid, Age Pensions	19.67	24.18
Sales	 26.46	22.69		2.26	2.61
Income	 108.47	117.54		12.89	13.50
Payroll	 9.12	10.74	Other	6.24	5.82
Estate	 2.45	2.83	Payments to States	13.80	13.75
Entertainments	 3.43	3.41	Tax Reimbursed to States	20.97	23.67
Other	 1.10	1.63	Post Office	14.42	18.64
			Other	46.91	55.83
Total Taxes	 217:50	236.68	Defence and Post War	121.13	104.62
Post Office	 19.54	20.66			
Other	 8.31	10.47			
Total Revenue	 245.35	267.81	Total Expenditure	258.29	262.32

^{*} Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the eight months ended February, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £6,975,000 in 1947, and £7,200,000 in 1948; and Contribution under International Monetary Agreements Act, £10,192,000 in 1948.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£,000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-	~	~
Towards Interest	1.945	1,945	ing Fund	11,084	10,926
Reimbursement of Taxes	8,785	9,892	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits	726	786	Activities	1,043	1,054
Stamp and Probate Duty	3,760	4,690			
Other Taxes	876	1,095	Net Debt Charges	10,041	9,872
Land	1,138	1,379	Other than Debt Charges—		
Services	974	1,106	Governmental	16,648	19,472
Other	2,732	2,777	Business Undertakings	21,173	25,633
Total Governmental	20,936	23,670			
Business Undertakings		29,852			
	-37-71	-5,-5-			
Total Revenue	46,810	53,522	Total Expenditure	47,862	54,977

Loan expenditure on works and services during the eight months ended February was gross £9,429,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £8,577,000 in 1948, compared with gross £4,197,000 and net £4,020,000 in 1947.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in Australia of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
			million #			
1939—June	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1		291.7
1940 ,,	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7		289.9
1941 ,,	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9		283.7
1942 ,,	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 ,,	453.5	33:4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 ,,	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 ,,	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 ,,	627.1	32.3	40.0	122-7	258.5	224.3
1947 ,,	648.3	34*4	13.8	80.6	275'4	289.7
1946-47	- 1 - 3	311	3	# see 3		
November	623:5	37.3	24.5	100'5	256.6	258'1
December	6350	42.4	24.8	90.6	263.2	261.1
January	641.0	46.6	28.5	86.3	267.8	263.6
February	650.4	41.8	36.4	84'3	271.6	264.7
1947-48						1870
November	659.3	42°3	14'2	65.8	248.7	332*7
December	668.6	43.5	11.4	61.8	259.5	335'9
January	673'2	45.5	16.9	59'9	264'I	336.7
February	686.6	43.5	21.4	59:1	269*4	337°2

^{*} Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

	Nev	w South Wal	es* (14 ban	ks).		Australia*	(18 banks).	
-		Deposits.				Deposits.		
Month.	Non-Go	vernment.	Total,	Advances.	Non-Go	vernment.	Total,	Advances
	Fixed.	Current.	including Govt.		Fixed.	Current.	Govt.	Advances
				million	£.	R A		
1945—September	79°7	173°4	255'7	104.8	220'2	413'4	644.0	239.0
December	81.8	180.4	265'I	106.2	223'2	443.5	675'5	240'2
1946—February	80.2	191.3	276.7	106.5	219.1	468.3	699.4	244'9
March	79°4	197'1	280.2	105.7	217.6	480.0	707:4	248.5
June	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
September	76'3	200'5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475'9	694.0	285.6
December	77.0	206.2	286'3	133'0	204'7	492'4	708.4	303'5
1947—February	75'8	210'3	288'2	135.6	203.0	508.6	723.6	308.6
March	75'2	212'3	289.8	136.5	202.5	517'9	731.2	312.8
June	71.5	212.2	286.8	144'8	199.0	511.2	722.7	336.0
September	72.8	207.2	283.I	157'I	200.2	500.2	710.0	362.9
November	72.4	215.0	290°2	166.2	199'1	523.6	732.5	381.1
December	71.3	219'1	293'3	169.4†	197.9	534'2	742.6	385.6
1948-January	70.7	221'0	294'2	180.5	197'1	539'2	746.6	397'0
February	69.8	228.6	300.7	179.8	196.1	557°I	763.0	396.7

^{*} Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

	.	Amount of	End of		Am	ount of Deposi	its.	
A: a 30th Ji		Deposits.†	Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	-	4000	1) 1	£000	£.000	£000	€000	£000
1936		80,000	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1937		81,952	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1938		86,016	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	
1939		87,474	April	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	
1940		82,111	May	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	
1941		87,750	Tunet	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	
1942		94,538	Tuly	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	
1943		122,405	August	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	
1943		162,867	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	
1945		198,203	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	
1946		236,242	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	
1947		231,368	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	

^{*} Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945	1946.	1947.	1948
			Amou	nt—Mi	llion £					Inde	x Nu	mber	s.	
lanuary	66.5		107.5		120·I	1,42.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	154	196	236
-	75.5		121.5		131.8	150.2	182.0	96	139	147	149	157	194	231
March	0	123'4		123'4	144'1	170.0		93	138	146	145	164	193	
	70.7		108.4		138.9	181.8		98	150	150	154	176	218	
	82.0		143.5		156.7	186.4		100	155	158	160	184	229	
	80.3	132.6	140'1		159.2	176.9		IOI	163	166	169	195	236	
6	71.2	1		129'7	174-9	183.5		98	155	168	167	206	229	
	74.9		127.4	1	157'3	162.4		99	160	169	168	214	227	
	74.9		120.0	123'4	159:4	177'0		99	155	163	166	217	232	***
	78.0		123.7		182.2	197'3		100	152	159	166	216	234	
November	00	129.3		129.7	164'1	203.8		102	149	153	164	211	243	
December	7718900	127'3			165.6	192.2		106	150	152	159	208	243	
Year	932.3	1442'3	1499*6	1512.4	1854*3	2123'7		100	151	156	160	196	226	

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

[†] Including accrued interest.

SA INGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £25,214,325 at 29th February, 1948, including £217,896 net receipts in February.

21. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

				i_	Ordinary	Department.	Industrial	Department.	Total
	Г	eriod.			No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Sum Assured.
Year	1939 1944 1945 1946 1947*		51,278 53,927 81,677		51,278 53,927 81,677	£ 18,179,537 21,037,984 23,998,758 38,077,853 41,704,185	156,787 110,560 109,862 128,266 115,892	£ 7,539,660 7,062,191 7,512,997 9,803,114 10,475,719	£ 25,719,197 28,100,175 31,511,755 47,880,967 52,179,904
	1947*- 1948*-	Sep Oct No Dec	otembe tober vembe cembe	r	8,953 10,434 7,147 7,497 10,000 3,927	4,183,290 4,741,619 3,218,637 3,298,045 5,034,770 1,797,265	10,197 13,644 10,293 9,998 7,949 4,867	942,358 1,265,217 940,531 936,208 717,583 462,218	5,125,648 6,006,836 4,159,168 4,234,253 5,752,353 2,259,483

^{*} The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

22. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums).

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
947—Year	£ 2,799,175	788,685	£ 1,452,174	£ 5,040,034
August September October November	233,242 297,680 260,288 201,670	63,634 60,406 69,382 72,902	97,611 120,734 69,506 97,774	394,487 478,820 399,176
December 948—January	315,365 721,307	63,619 52,423	291,310 177,059	372,346 670,294 950,789

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

23. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

	1 00		-		oz or bonds	bilaics aic	issucu.
Month.	Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	Retail Companies.	Public Utility Companies.	Pastoral and Finance Companies.	Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Share included in foregoing.
1929-April 1931-Sept. 1937-Mar. 1945-Sept. 1947-Mar. July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1948-Jan. Feb. Mar.	72'3 213'8 242'7 323'2 330'4 327'8 327'8 325'0 332'1 341'2 347'3 355'4 361'4	183.8 60.2 203.8 207.8 310.8 315.1 315.1 306.4 311.6 318.2 318.8 315.5 311.2	129.4 87.9 181.0 170.8 194.3 194.9 194.5 190.4 187.9 188.1 190.7 189.8 184.7 180.5	174·1 75·2 169·2 146·7 166·4 171·0 167·7 164·6 168·8 173·9 179·8 183·4 191·7 189·0 173·7	243.5 121.3 281.2 264.6 380.1 401.0 408.8 406.8 399.6 399.1 399.2 404.4 407.8 407.8	174·4 74·4 190·4 195·8 252·9 258·1 257·0 252·6 253·5 258·8 264·4 268·7 271·5 260·5	172.6 77.2 200.5 210.3 266.7 272.1 270.4 264.1 264.5 270.9 276.4 280.4 283.7 280.3 268.4

^{*} Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

24. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

				Priv First Mo Regis	ortgages	Yield on Co	mmonwealth Gove Commonwealth	ernment Securitie n Income Tax—	s†—subject to
	Per	iod.			Average	Not exceeding in 19		At Curre	ent Rates.
				Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Medium- dated.	Short-dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.
1017-01				8		Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.		Messille
Average	e for	year -							
1938		• • • •	• • •	5 4	5.0	3*38	3.41		
1939		•••	• • • •	5.6	5.5	3.84	3.87		
1940	•••	***	• • • •	5.6	5'1	3.14	3.5		***
1941	***		•••	5°5	4'9	2.45	2.95		
						2 years.	7 years.		
IQ4I				5*5	4.9	2.42	2.87	2.47	3'23
1942		***		5.4	4.9	2.30	2.80	2*45	3*24
1943				5.0	4.7	2*43	2.72	2.48	3.53
1944				5.0	4.4	2.30	2.60	2.45	3°24
1945				4.8	4.4	2'27	2.57	2*47	3°25
1946				4.5	4*3	1,00	2.64	1,00	3*24
1947				4.4	4*3	2'23	2.69	2*12	3'17
Months									
1947-		ruary		4.5	4'3	2.01	2.41	2*01	3,18
		ne			4*3	2.19	2.29	1,05	3,12
		ptember			4.3	2*44	2.67	2*28	3.12
		vember			4.3	2.46	2.63	2*46	3.12
		cember	***		4*3	2.21	2.77	2.46	3.12
1948-					4.2	2.20	2.81	2*49	3.12
	re	bruary		4.4	4.2	2.54	2.40	2*46	3,18

^{*} Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.
† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

25. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.		Co	nsiderat	ion of Sa	les.º		Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939†.	1944.	1945.	1946	1947.	1948.
5	4					Thous	sand £.					
January February March April May June July August September	 2,449 2,438 3,623 2,245 3,090 2,613 2,919 3,068 2,934	1,090 1,507 1,552 931 1,307 1,809 1,992 2,241 1,772	1,786 1,999 2,059 1,663 2,204 2,373 2,726 2,238 2,684	2,246 2,357 2,726 3,832 4,697 3,593 4,005 5,670 6,440	4,576 4,729 4,395 3,593 4,763 4,617 5,335 5,346 4,988	4,895 4.825 4,640 	1,591 1,841 2,225 2,025 2,112 1,658 1,950 2,770 1,501	383 611 663 302 495 687 543 723 597	608 593 688 526 606 864 902 861	1,078 1,179 1,047 1,431 1,641 1,708 1,622 2,352 2,328	1,858 2,031 2,005 1,674 2,299 2,079 2,484 2,085 2,378	3,67I 2,400 2,44I
October November December	 2,330 2,381 2,067	1,654 1,899 1,708	3,260 3,106 2,195	5,826 5,180 4,105	4,843 4,978 5,061		1,713 1,702 1,344	634 529 699	1,128 1,072 899	2,161 2,163 2,473	2,641 2,238 2,220	
Year	 32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224		22,444	6,866	9,752	21,183	25,992	

^{*} Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

Note.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

26. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

			Month of Febru	nary.	Two Months ended February.					
		Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*			
1946 1947 1948	 •••	79,987 130,881 10,848	£ 109,764 172,537 115,989	£ 102,685 73,178 153,369	120,819 261,674 34,226	209,353 255,668 302,586	161,493 140,067 361,597			

See note under Table 25.

^{*} Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

27. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Cosupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for July 1985, and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "reliet" workers are not included.

1814A.1	(Exclud	ing Rural isehold Don	Workers			Employee	s in Main In	dustrial C	roups.	
Month.	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professiona and Personal Services.
				MALE	S. (Tho	usands.)				
1933—June 1939—July	103.2	277.5	380.7	11	***	1	1	l	1	1
1941—July 1944—July 1944—July 1945—July 1945—July 1947—Feb Mar April May June June June Oct Nov Dec 1948—Jan	141·5 156·9 152·2 156·7 169·8 174·9 175·5 176·4 177·4 177·4 178·2 179·6 180·4 180·6	393:4 462:2 365:2 372:0 384:5 455:6 479:7 486:2 488:4 490:6 497:7 499:8 503:0 505:8 507:3 500:7 507:5	529.9 547.7 522.1 524.2 541.2 625.4 654.6 661.7 664.8 676.7 679.4 683.4 687.9 688.6 688.9	26.0 25.1 24.4 24.7 25.7 26.3 26.1 26.2 26.4 26.6 26.7 26.8 27.2 27.1 27.3 27.1	158'8 202'11 217'8 217'6 216'6 249'3 250'0 250'8 252'1 254'8 256'3 257'7 257'7 256'8	54'0 30'1 28'2 34'2 45'1 53'0 53'0 55'7 57'0 56'8 57'5	76.8 79.9 82.3 86.0 97.3 99.5 99.8 102.1 102.0 102.8 102.7 102.8 103.7 104.4 103.6	41.6 28.7 28.5 30.2 42.11 45.0 45.2 45.6 45.7 46.6 46.9 47.5 48.1 49.0 50.3	33'4 34'6 35'6 51'2 55'0 55'7 56'1 56'4 56'7 56'7 56'7 56'8 58'0 58'8	49'3 39'6 42'6 45'8 57'0 61'4 62'3 62'5 62'4 62'9 63'5 63'5 63'8 63'9 64'5
Feb	182.9	211.0	693.9	27.6	258°0 259°3	57.5 58.1	104'4	48.9 48.6	58°9 58°6	64 . 7 65 . 2
1933-June	16.8	109'0	125.8	FEMALE		sands.)	,		Şerzen'es.	
1939—July	19.4	148.6	168.0	1	59.3				-	***
1943—July 1943—July 1944—July 1945—July 1945—July 1945—July 1947—Feb. Mar. April. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	32.8 31.9 32.0 32.1 32.3 32.3 32.6 32.6 32.7 32.6 32.6	196.6 207.7 205.4 203.3 210.2 217.1 219.4 219.4 219.8 220.6 222.8 224.1 225.6 228.1 228.1 225.2	218 3 253 8 251 8 246 7 249 0 251 6 251 1 251 5 252 1 252 2 255 4 256 7 260 8 257 4 259 2	0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2 0°2	76.0 94.6 91.6 95.7 83.1 85.7 87.3 86.6 86.5 87.6 88.0 88.0 88.5 88.9 88.4 86.7 87.8	0.7 0.7 0.7 0.7 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 1.1 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	18-2 12-9 13-8 14-5 12-7 12-7 12-7 12-7 12-7 12-8 12-8 13-0 13-1 13-2 13-2 13-3 13-4	41.0 38.5 36.3 37.5 39.2 40.3 40.5 40.6 40.7 40.7 40.9 41.0 41.5 41.8 43.4 44.3	 17.8 20.6 20.7 21.1 21.1 22.0 22.1 22.2 22.3 22.7 23.0 23.2 23.3 23.4 23.0	65.2 65.9 67.7 69.6 73.3 75.9 76.7 77.3 77.0 77.1 78.3 78.5 78.8 78.8
							13.2	42.6	23.3	79'3
Toss Tune	1 70000	9.00		ri	(Thousan	nds.)				
1933—June 1933—July 1941—July 1943—July 1944—July 1944—July 1945—July 1947—Feb Mar April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec 1948—Jan Feb	203.0 197.8 200.1 202.6 206.8 207.5 208.4 209.5 210.5 211.3 212.2 213.3 213.3 213.2	386·5 542·0 602·8 572·9 577·4 58·7·8 665·8 705·8 705·8 707·5 710·0 713·4 718·3 722·6 727·1 735·4 735·1 732·0 736·9	506-5 697-9 766-0 775-9 775-2 787-9 868-4 903-6 913-3 915-9 919-5 923-9 929-6 934-8 940-1 944-7 945-6 947-1 953-1	26·2 25·3 24·6 24·9 25·9 26·5 26·3 26·6 26·8 26·8 26·9 27·0 27·4 27·3 27·5 27·9	218,1 2781 312'4 309'2'3 302'3 332'8 331'3 336'6 336'6 337'3 348'5 348'5 346'6 345'2 346'6 345'2 346'7	54-7 30-8 28-9 46-0 53-9 53-9 56-7 58-5 58-5 58-5 59-1	85.0 92.8 96.1 100.5 110.2 112.2 112.5 114.7 115.6 115.5 116.8 116.8 116.8 117.6 117.8 117.8 117.8	82-6 67-2 64-8 67-7 81-3 85-7 86-2 86-4 87-1 87-5 89-9 92-4 94-6 94-6 94-9	61.4 54.0 54.7 56.7 72.3 77.0 77.8 77.7 78.2 78.6 79.0 48.0 2.2 80.6 81.3 8.2.2 81.9	109.5 105.5 115.4 130.3 137.3 139.0 139.5 140.0 141.8 142.0 142.6 143.2 143.3 144.5

 ⁽a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.
 (b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1946, revised since last issue; from July, 1947, subject to further revision.

⁽c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month,		Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948
January		ICO	103	93	IIO	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February		100	105	95	II2	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
March		100	102	95	III	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	
April		100	104	96	IIO	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	
May		100	106	95	IIO	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	
June		100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	
July		100	105	97	112	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	
August		100	106	57	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	
September		100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	
October		100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	
November		100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	
December	•••	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	
Year		100	105	96.	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

29. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

	Period.	-244		lver ndard).	Lead.	Zinc (Electrolytic).	Tin (Standard).	Gold (Fine).
		!	ре	roz.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.	per oz.
	2.57		s.	d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938			2	0.14	17 12 11	19 12 10	228 II 10	8 17 I
1939			2	I*42	17 12 I	19 15 3	268 3 6	9 14 4
1940			2"	2.95	18 14 6	22 9 II	292 19 8	10 13 I
1941	***		2	4.26	19 11 4	22 I2 II	295 I 6	10 13 8
1942			2	4:66	21 9 9	22 2 II	285 9 I	10 9 I
1943			2	4.63	22 19 2	23 15 2	283 1 6	10 9 0
1944			2	4.63	26 3 0	24 9 4	335 7 2	IO IO I
1945			2	10:59	34 10 10	37 6 4	350 9 0	10 13 10
1946		* ***	4	8.02	56 8 6	55 0 2	414 19 0	10 15 3
1947			40	4127	90 2 0	67 6 4	502 12 2	10 15 3
1946-	-October		5	417	66 16 6	61 19 0	454 I 7	10 15 3
	November		.5	4.17	69 IO I	62 13 8	454 I 7	10 15 3
	December		5	4.17	71 13 0	61 13 6	454 I 7	10 15 3
1947-	-January		5	4:17	77 14 10	66 I I	454 I 7	10 15 3
	February	***	4	3'42	79 5 5	65 II 4	454 I 7	10 15 3
	March		4	6.44	81 18 1	68 3 8	454 I 7	10 15 3
	April		4	4.98	93 15 11	68 9 8	523 12 10	10 15 3
	May		4	3.04	96 O I	68 9 8	523 12 10	10 15 3
	June		3	11.75	94 3 0	64 16 4	523 12 10	10 15 3
	July		3	8.90	93 I 5	67 3 . 7	523 12 10	10 15 . 3
	August		3	9°40	92 3 0	67 3 7	523 12 10	10 15 3
	September		4	1.07	93 14 7	65 4 7	521 14 3	10 15 3
	October		4	4.96	93 15 2	68 17 6	521 14 3	10 15 3
	November		4	8.56	92 3 11	68 17 6	521 14 3	10 15 3
	December		4	8*56	93 9 0	68 17 6	521 14 3	10 15 3
1948-	—January		4	7.85	94 13 3	68 17 6	612 5 3	10 15 3
	February		4	7.58	92 3 9	68 17 6	622 I3 4	10 15 3

30. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

	Food and	Rent-		Miscellaneous	Total Hous	sehold Expenditure.
Quarter.	Groceries.	4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Items.	Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
	- 46					Per cent.
1939—September	930	1,039	841	939	933	
1940—September	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September	211	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10.1
1942—September	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March*	-,,-	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June†	. 1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June	. I,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22.5
1945—March	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22.0
June	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September	. 1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December	I,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23.4
June	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24.9
September	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25°I
December	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26.2
1947—March	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27.8
June	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28.07 9
September	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30.5
December	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33.1
1 948—March	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36.1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

31. BASIC WAGE-INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week-Adult Males.

.b. ×	ear.			Sydn	ney, Ne	wcast ort K	lle, Wol Cembla.	long	ong—		Crown Employees. (All Districts).							
			Febru	ary.	Mag	y.	Augu	st.	Novem	ber.	Febru	ary.	Мау	7.	Augu	st.	Nevem	ber.
8			S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.
‡1939		*.**	81	0	82	0	8 r	0	82	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0
1940	•••		82	0	83	0	85	0	85	0	81	0	81	0	83	c .	84	0
1941		•••	88	0	88	0	89	0	89	0	86	0	87	0	87	C	88	0
1942			91	0	93	0	95	0	97	0	90	0	92	0	94	0	96	0
1943		• • • •	98	0	98	0	100	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	99	0	98	0
1944			99	0	99	0	99	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	98	0
1945		• • •	99	0	98	0	98	0	99	0	97	0	97	0	97	0	97	0
1946			99	0	99	0	100	0	101	0	98	0	98	0	99	0	\$ 99 106	0
1947	***		108	0	OII	0	IIO	0	II2	0	107	0	108	0	109	0	III	0
1948		•••	114	0	116	0	81		ê		113	0	115	0	•••			

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Census 30th June, 1947 (preliminary):—New South Wales, Males, 1,492,827; Females, 1,492,637; Total, 2,985,464—or 39.4 per cent. of population of Australia; Sydney and Suburbs, 1,484,434.

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Bureau of Statistics and Economics, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney. 31st March, 1948.

SUPPLEMENT.

1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages-Years 1939 to 1947.

Very Population	Estimated Population	Live	Dea		0 40		per ition. (a)	Infantile Mortality. Deaths under	
Year.	Year. Population at end of Year (a).		Total.	Under 1 year.	Marriages.	Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	i year per i,ooo Live Births.
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946	2,766,866 2,791,355 2,813,360 2,848,478 2,871,063 2,901,431 2,933,436 2,962,932 (c) 2,985,464	48,003 49,382 51,729 52,647 57,265 59,612 61,662 67,247 69,398	26,815 26,143 27,300 (b)29,219 (b)28,870 (b)26,652 (b)26,994 (b)28,579 (b)28,429	1,969 1,927 2,264 2,116 2,072 1,829 1,889 2,032 2,068	25,471 30,364 29,983 34,533 26,302 26,426 25,283 31,684 30,172	17.45 17.77 18.47 18.59 20.04 20.65 21.13 22.83 23.25	9.75 9.41 9.75 10.32 10.10 9.23 9.25 9.70 9.52	9.26 10.93 10.70 12.20 9.20 9.15 8.67 10.76	41·0 39'0 43·8 40·2 36·2 30·7 30'6 30'2 29'8

(a) Adjusted in accordance with the preliminary results of the 1947 Census. (b) Civilians only. (c) Census, 30th June.

2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939 to 1947.

te si 7		Met	ropolis.		Remainder of State.						
Year.	Jugao 4	Quarte	er ended—		Quarter ended—						
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December			
*8	10.8	20143	P. Carlo				(3.00	thea soils			
1939	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770			
1940	4,271	4,363	4,770	5,172	2,938	2,781	3,133	2,936			
1941	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061			
1942	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849			
1943	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223			
1944	4,389	4,427	3,960	4,272	2,294	2,571	2,324	2,186			
1945	3,943	4,008	3,723	4,346	2,306	2,356	2,163	2,438			
1946	5,176	5,124	4,345	4,942	3,030	3,081	2,853	3,133			
1947	4,600	4,603	3,993	4,980	3,004 .	3,154	2,741	3,097			

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

3. Factories-Years ended June, 1939 to 1947.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Establishments Persons Employed, Average*—	9,464	10,166	10,110	10,755	11,359	12,287	13,961
Males Females	167,172 61,609	216,856 81,389	223,669 91,865	226,824 96,208	223,770 90,908	227,454 83,416	^{255,733} 87,386
Total Proportion of Total Employees— Males Females	228,781 Per cent. 73.07 26.93	298,245 Per cent. 72.71 27.29	315,534 Per cent. 70.89 29.11	323,032 Per cent. 70.22 29.78	314,678 Per cent. 71'11 28'89	310,870 Per cent. 73.17 26.83	343,119 Per cent. 74.53 25.47
Book Value of— Land, Buildings Plant and Machinery Value of Materials and Fuel used Output Production (Value added to Raw	£000 57,354 62,693 128,153 218,419	£000 65,016 70,612 200,698 339,488	£000 72,623 73,122 219,907 373,489	£000 78,978 73,804 236,412 399,138	food 81,059 73,039 227,784 387,659	£000 80,308 72,561 213,913 367,092	£000 81,895 75,234 259,401 445,947
Materials) Salaries and Wages Paid†—	90,266	138,790	153,582	162,726	159,875	153,179	186,546
Males Females	38,272 6,334	64,850	74,554 14,346	77,087 16,431	73,935 15,308	73,380	87,123 16,465
Total Average Salary and Wages†— Males Females	44,606 £ s. 238 15 103 13	75,758 £ s. 309 14 134 19	88,900 £ s. 344 12 157 5	93,518 £ s. 352 0 172 1	89,243 £ s. 342 17 169 16	87,647 £ s. 335 7 172 13	103,588 £ s. 355 c 191 10
Total	201 13	261 0	289 0	297 7	291 17	290 15	312 3

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors. † Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

4. Government and Private Factories-Years 1938-39 to 1946-47.

Government Factories.*							Private Factories.						
	ar end th Ju		Establish- ments.	Employees.	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production.	Establish- ments.	Employees.	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production.			
			No.	No.	£000	£000	No.	No.	£000	£000			
1939	***	•••	72	16,206	4,098	5,618	9,392	215,594	40,508	84,648			
1940	***	• • • •	72	17,226	4,529	6,310	9,386	222,126	43,164	90,299			
1941	***		78	21,230	5,999	8,118	9,841	246,650	51,761	106,926			
1942	***		118	28,411	9,244	12,084	10,048	273,709	66,513	126,706			
1943	***		141	38,251	13,288	16,717	9,969	280,066	75,612	136,865			
1944	***		146	40,665	14,034	17,266	10,609	285,491	79,484	145,460			
1945			135	33,989	11,866	14,873	11,224	283,198	77,377	145,002			
1946	***		IOI	29,162	9,494	12,500	12,186	286,612	78,153	140,679			
1947		!	98	27,803	9,317	12,126	13,863	319,781	94,271	174,420			

^{*}Factories and workshops owned and operated by State and Commonwealth Governments (including railway workshops, printing offices, munition factories, etc., but excluding annexes operated by private companies on behalf of the Government).

† Before deducting depreciation and various overhead charges.

‡ Average weekly during period of operation, including working proprietors.

5. Factories—Classes of Industry, 1946-47.

Class of Industry.	No. of Establish- ments.	Persons Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Materials, Fuel and Power Used.	Value of Output.	Value of Production.
.10.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000	Alexeb.		£000	£000	£000	£000
Treatment of Non-metalliferous			2	~	~	~
Mine and Quarry Products	298	5,510	1,856	5,194	8,701	3,507
Bricks, Pottery and Glass, etc	230	9,148	2,903	3,225	7,871	4,646
Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint,		175.8				
Oil and Grease	479	14,268	4,621	19,558	32,396	12,838
Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple-						
ments and Conveyances	4,066	143,652	47,444	94,185	168,721	74,536
Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	201	1,864	523	572	1,437	865
Textiles and Textile Goods (not						
Dress)	321	20,745	5,247	14,292	24,057	9,765
Skins and Leather (not Clothing or				0		
Footwear)	330	6,818	2,082	7,298	10,763	3,465
Clothing	2,583	44,469	9,716	16,281	31,883	15,602
Food, Drink and Tobacco	2,169	36,582	10,807	58,271	83,380	25,109
Woodworking and Basketware	1,379	15,392	4,345	10,338	17,459	7,121
Furniture, Bedding, etc	475	6,104	1,752	3,563	6,443	2,880
Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-						1
binding, etc	722	20,387	6,486	12,000	23,639	11,639
Rubber	138	4,809	1,726	5,310	7,719	2,409
Musical Instruments	18	585	185	167	439	272
Miscellaneous	414	8,284	2,179	3,322	7,178	3,856
Heat, Light and Power	138	4,502	1,716	5,825	13,861	8,036
Total	13,961	343,119	103,588	259,401	445,947	186,546

^{*} Average during whole year, including working proprietors. † Excluding drawings by working proprietors. † Value of output at factory less value of materials and fuel used.

6. Factory Employees*-Years 1938-39 to 1946-47.

Industry.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47
Bricks, Glass etc	 8,312	8,683	8,405	6,124	5,669	6,212	7,466	9,148
Chemicals, Paints, Oils	8,187	9,782	10,593	11,278	11,788	12,229	13,164	14,268
Metal Trades	 82,452	105,597	132,444	158,113	163,023	151,076	136,602	143,652
Textiles (not dress)	 15,089	19,685	21,049	21,366	20,383	19,426	18,341	20,745
Skins, Leather	 4,306	5,579	5,618	5,438	6,016	5,854	6,385	6,818
Clothing and Footwear	 32,019	33,866	34,367	31,637	32,188	34,668	37,651	44,469
Food, Drink, Tobacco	 28,514	30,584	32,055	32,212	33,662	34,152	35,474	36,582
Sawmilling etc	 9,995	11,054	12,132	11,998	12,815	12,902	13,499	15,392
Furniture, Bedding	 6,140	5,841	5,350	4,035	3,920	4,010	4,987	6,104
Paper, Printing	 17,290	17,294	17,155	15,380	15,095	15,834	16,959	20,387
Other	 16,477	17,786	19,077	17,953	18,473	18,315	20,342	25,554
Total	 228,781	265,751	298,245	315,534	323,032	314,678	310,870	343,119

^{*} Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

7. Principal Articles Manufactured in New South Wales. Years ended June 1939, 1946 and 1947.

			1938	-39.	1945	-46.	1946-	-47*·
Articles.			Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works
				1		ſ		f
Aerated Waters		gal.	9,312,068	813,971	12,441,300	1,334,742	13,817,209	1,493,451
Bacon and Ham		lb.	21,721,914	†	37,494,332	T	35,309,817	†
Beer and Stout		gal.	33,899,023	3,465,199	39,073,817	3,760,604	50,654,241	4,818,004
Biscuits		lb.	44,559,455	1,635,323	46,992,948	1,777,026	48,417,429	1,904,995
Blankets		pairs	106,447	113,668	107,198	197,511	117,720	221,714
Boots and Shoes		,,	4,767,236	2,251,164	6,174,986	3,933,200	7,200,721	4,974,355
Bricks and Firebricks		No.	398,306,090	1,576,450	163,325,856	1,185,993	271,654,000	1,885,890
Butter			113,840,734	7,103,194	74,280,087	5,598,824	60,384,672	4,887,594
Cement		tons	432,487	1,447,542	320,556	962,231	393,397	1,300,100
Cheese		lb.	7,193,022	271,621	4,857,690	276,814	4,544,454	258,593
Cigarettes		,,	4,496,428	2,254,936	5,524,816	3,600,766	6,795,385	4,438,804
Cloth—Woollen and Worsted		sq. yds.	12,373,749	2,341,092	12,620,939	3,603,029	12,963,213	4,164,380
" Cotton		., ,,	1,908,920	244,667	8,778,988	1,520,719	10,227,880	1,799,895
Coke		tons	1,548,521	1,639,684	1,470,149	2,505,761	1,726,719	2,937,900
Confectionery		lb.	48,799,175	2,900,841	55,907,693	3,631,119	63,629,155	4,268,052
Electric Light and Power		1000 units	1,948,489	5,602,877	2,831,801	8,547,825	3,228,670	9,748,120
Fibrous Plaster Sheets		sq. yds.	2,671,076	239,631	1,632,041	249,946	3,397,367	504,59
Flour		tons	547,162	3,866,163	451,895	4,515,622	537,389	5,699,47
Gas	I	ooo cub. ft.	10,896,185	1,546,562	15,301,710	2,586,724	16,743,953	2,767,239
Hats and Caps		No.	4,187,100	†	2,971,080	†	3,591,828	1
ce		tons	232,747	438,157	425,239	865,743	471,320	976,870
ce Cream		gal.	2,232,760	773,761	4,874,570	1,257,405	5,244,557	1,318,65
ron and Steel—Pig Iron		tons	1,104,605	2,664,276	852,197	3,403,147	925,679	3,495,37
sams and Preserves—	•••	,,	1,169,249	4,213,220	1,054,483	6,386,858	1,315,043	7,486,92
Jams		lb.	20,634,787	528,049	45,725,769	1,388,182	51,936,149	1,593,312
Preserved Fruit		,,	28,387,122	507,032	21,762,420	581,618	27,408,125	764,077
Preserved Vegetables		,,	4,902,288	170,092	36,926,172	1,278,471	25,957,541	1,069,96
Dehydrated Vegetables Leather—	•••	,,			4,140,138	674,063	994,732	118,79
Sole and Harness		lb.	11,119,157	664,810	13,277,238	1,040,757	13,442,499	1,109,92
Dressed, etc		sq. ft.	26,058,549	1,100,073	35,731,943	1,889,358	38,448,229	2,280,21
Linseed Oil		gal.	2,153,127	409,916	3,288,093	1,311,973	1,390,976	700,35
Margarine		lb.	26,967,332	729,319	40,480,234	1,485,827	31,302,876	1,073,69
Meat, Tinned		,,	3,377,960	124,251	26,542,794	1,458,133	17,944,815	1,056,01
Milk—Condensed		,,	3,815,546	89,013	5,055,968	158,267	1,081,942	30,77
" Concentrated		,,	2,332,097	39,619	19,510,583	417,926	20,435,991	445,67
" Powdered and Malted		,,	4,761,437	244,379	15,130,562	949,052	12,831,084	857,20
Motor Bodies		No.	5,576	486,865	1,431	297,369	2,845	561,94
Paint		gal.	1,694,656	1,060,310	2,083,853	1,694,251	1,795,743	1,644,79
oap (Excl. Powders)		cwt.	487,692	1,179,467	532,706	1,725,028	429,365	1,772,34
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Sugar—Raw		tons	45,106	†	21,220	†	39,768	†
Timber—Native—Softwood		sup. ft.	49,840,052	1	72,082,499	†	88,618,190	†
,, Hardwood	***	, 22	129,510,433	†	180,024,508	†	212,313,515	†
Tobacco			10,755,820	3,738,704	11,548,326	4,598,432	13,017,599	5,617,95
Tyres—Motor and Cycle		No.	662,736	1,233,832	540,103	2,385,907	908,353	3,607,40
Wire and Wire Netting		tons	123,288	2,323,371	62,794	1,625,004	101,333	2,509,225
Wool, Scoured		lb.	31,246,493	†	35,808,116	†	43,231,502	+

Note.—An extended list of articles manufactured is published in N.S.W. Statistical Register.

* Preliminary—Subject to revision. † Not available.

8. Net Value of Production*-Recorded Industries, 1938-39 to 1946-47.

		Rural	Industries.		Forests,	Mines	Total		Total.
Year.	Pastoral.	Agri- cultural.	Dairying and Farmyard.	Total Rural Industries.	Fisheries and Trapping.	and Quarries.	Primary Industries.	Manu- facturing.	
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1938-39	 23,613	13,401	13,147	50,161	3,429	9,948	63,538	90,266	153,804
1939-40§	 34,562	18,093	13,266	65,921	3,658	10,927	80,506	96,609	177,115
1940-418	 35,305	11,215	13,368	59,888	4,646	10,233	74,767	115,044	189,811
1941-42	 34,121	16,043	12,834	62,998	6,045	12,403	81,446	138,790	220,236
1942-43	 38,212	24,444	17,070	79,726	5,507	12,897	98,130	153,582	251,712
1943-448	 42,580	27,916	18,112	88,608	7,026	13,158	108,792	162,726	271,518
1944-458	 37,452	17,499	20,080	75,031	7.048	13,137	95,216	159,875	255,091
1945-46	 34,043	†35,657	21,595	†91,296	8,908	13,116	†113,320	153,179	†266,499
1946-47	 52,666	†19,236	21,179	†93,081	†10,394	16,496	†119,971	186,546	†306,517

^{*} Represents gross value at place of production less goods used in the process of production e.g., fedder seed fertiliser used on farms, and raw materials and fuel in factories.

1 Subject to revision, agricultural value to be increased by further payments from wheat pools.

§ Value of agricultural production has been revised.

7. Principal Articles Manufactured in New South Wales. Years and of June 1939, 1940 and 1947.

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